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Your Case: P10033687-JP-PCT  
Our Case: P208795  
Subject: Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-518267  
Applicant(s): NOVARTIS AG  
Deadline: May 2, 2010 (Official)  
(Extendable for 1 month each up to three times)

Dear Sirs:

With respect to the above-identified case, this is to advise you that an official action was issued on February 2, 2010. A response to the official action must be filed no later than **May 2, 2010** (extendable for 1 month each up to three times).

In the official action, the Examiner cited the following references only to show the state of art, i.e. not as the grounds for rejection.

A: WO 03/099776  
B: Journal of Clinical Investigation, 2000, 105 (11), pp. 1595-1604

The Examiner raised four rejections which are based on non-patentable subject matter, non-enabling, no supporting disclosure and indefiniteness.

We will provide you shortly with our detailed comment on the official action.

Sincerely yours,  
AOYAMA & PARTNERS

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